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SUBJECT: UNHCR PAUL HARTLING COMPLETES VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE

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1. SUMMARY: UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES PAUL HARTLING COMPLETED A FIVE DAY TRIP TO MOZAMBIQUE JANUARY 29. DURING VISIT HARTLING MET WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL, VISITED UNHCR SUPPORTED REFUGEE CAMP AT DOROI AND PRAISED MOZAMBIQUE FOR ITS ASSISTANCE TO ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES. BEFORE DEPARTING FOR SWAZILAND, HARTLING PROMISED GREATER UNHCR ASSISTANCE FOR ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES AND ASSESSED HIS VISIT HERE AS SUCCESS. END SUMMARY.

2. NEWLY APPOINTED UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES PAUL HARTLING PAID A FIVE DAY VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE FROM JANUARY 25 TO 29. HARTLING WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. RAYMOND MKANADA, CHIEF OF UNCHR'S AFRICAN SECTION, AND MR. VIRU DAYAL, HARTLING'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

3. DURING VISIT, HARTLING HELD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH MOZAMBIQUE OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR REFUGEE AFFAIRS AND MADE A ONE DAY TRIP TO ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEE CAMP AT DOROI TO GET FIRST HAND LOOK AT REFUGEE SITUATION. (FYI DOROI IS LARTEST OF UNHCR SUPPORTED REFUGEE CAMPS IN MOZAMBIQUE

IT WAS CONSTRUCTED APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN MONTHS
AGO AND HAS REFUGEE POPULATION OF 23,000 MEN, WOMEN AND
CHILDREN. OF THESE ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEE CAMPE IN MOZAMBIQUE
DOROI IS CONSIDERED THE WORST. FOOD, CLOTHING AND MEDICAL
SHORTAGES ARE ENDEMIC.)

4. HARTLING ALSO MET WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL ON JANUARY 28.
DURING MEETING, MACHEL SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF THE SITUATION
IN RHODESIA, MOZAMBIQUE WAS SUPPORTING OVER 40,000
ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES. IN ADDITION, THE FIGHTING ALONG THE
RHODESIAN MOZAMBIQUE BORDER HAD FORCED THE MOZAMBIQUE
GOVERNMENT TO RELOCATE OVER 60,000 OF ITS OWN CITIZENS INTO
SAFER AREAS. BOTH OF THESE PROBLEMS HAD CAUSED MOZAMBIQUE
VARYING PROBLEMS. DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY THE
INFLOW OF REFUGEES, MACHEL PLEDGED TO CONTINUE MOZAMBIQUES
AID TO BOTH THE ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES IN MOZAMBIQUE AND THE
ZIMBABWEAN INSURGENTS FIGHTING IN RHODESIA. MACHEL SAID
THAT THE ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEE PROBLEM WAS A RESULT OF RHODESIA.
OPPRESSION AND THAT THE ZIMBABWEAN ISNURGENTS WERE FIGHTING
TO BRING THIS OPPRESSION TO AN END. ONCE RHODESIAN OPPRESSION
ENDED, MACHEL CONTENTED, THE ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEE PROBLEM WOULD
END. HARTLING SAID THAT ALTHOUGH UNHCR HAD TO DEAL WITH
REFUGEE PROBLEMS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST,
REFUGEE PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE HIS ORGANIZATION'S
GREATEST "PRE-OCCUPATION" AT THE MOMENT. HARTLING SAID
THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY RECOGNIZED THAT MOZAM-
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BIQUE HAD MADE MANY SACRIFICES TO SUPPORT THE ZIMBABWEAN
REFUGEES AND THAT HE AND UNHCR WOULD MAKE EVERY TO
PROVIDE GREATER ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE AND ZIMBABWEAN
REFUGEES IN THE FUTURE.

5. COMMENT: BEGUN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH
EMPHASIS MOZAMBIQUE PLACES ON ITS SUPPORT FOR ZIMBABWEAN
REFUGEES (AND ZIMBABWEAN INSURGENTS), GPRM GAVE HARTLING
VISIT HIGH PRIORITY AND A GOOD DEAL OF FAVORABLE PUBLICITY.
HARTLING MET WITH MOST TOP GPRM OFFICIALS AND WAS GIVEN WELL
PUBLICIZED TRIP TO DOTOI. MOZAMBIKANS WERE OBVIOUSLY
PLEASED BY HARTLING'S PROMISE OF GREATER ASSISTANCE FOR
REFUGEES AND THAT HE CHOSE MOZAMBIQUE AS HIS FIRST MAJOR
STROP SINCE ASSUMING OFFICE. HARTLING'S VISIT CLEARLY OVER
SHADOWED THAT OF HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WHO WAS HERE AT
SAME TIME.

6. WITHIN NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS, EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO GET
READ OUT ON VISIT FROM LOCAL UNHCR REP.
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